

NATIONAL NEWS

Lacking funds, Pa. 9/11 memorial remains unfinished

By McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

WASHINGTON — A year after the dedication of the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, Pa., the project remains short of its financial goal and is the only one of the three major 9/11 tributes that isn't fully funded.

When the memorial was dedicated on Sept. 10, 2011, it was \$10 million short of completion. A May fundraiser in Washington and other donations, from schoolchildren to corporations, have raised \$5 million, allowing construction to proceed on the second phase.

But another \$5 million is needed to finish one of the signature elements: a 93-foot tower with 40 chimes representing the passengers and crew who died.

"It's not easy raising this kind of money for this kind of memorial," said Gordon Felt, who until January was president of Families of Flight 93. "My fear is the farther out we get from September 11, 2001, the more challenging it's going to be."

According to the National Park Foundation, the charitable arm of the National Park Service, more than 1.8 million visitors have come to the site, about 80 miles east of Pittsburgh, where the hijacked United Airlines flight crashed 11 years ago. Since its dedication last year, 350,000 people have vis-

ited the memorial, many of them part of school and tour groups.

Vice President Joe Biden, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta will visit the site this week to commemorate the 11th anniversary of 9/11.

Nearly 3,000 people were killed that day, most of them at New York's World Trade Center and at the Pentagon outside Washington. Of the four planes that the terrorists hijacked, Flight 93 was the only one that failed to hit its intended target. While that goal remains unclear, the doomed aircraft was only 20 minutes' flight time from the nation's capital.

The passengers' decision to take back the plane from the four hijackers likely saved many more lives.

"Unfortunately, a lot of times Flight 93 is relegated to only a sentence," said King Laughlin, vice president for the Flight 93 National Memorial Campaign at the National Park Foundation. "That doesn't tell enough of the story."

The first phase of the memorial, which included a white marble wall bearing the names of the victims and a long slate pathway bordering the crash site, was finished in time for the last year's 10th anniversary.

With the additional funding, work on the second phase has begun. It includes a visitors center and a learning center for school and tour groups, as well as 40



Former President Bill Clinton, from left, Jill Biden and Vice President Joe Biden help dedicate the Wall of Names at the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, Pa. in 2011. **Photo by Curtis Tate / MCT**

groves of 40 trees in — like the chimes — a tribute to each victim.

"I think that we've made some wonderful progress this year," said Felt, whose brother, Edward, was a Flight 93 passenger. "We're not there yet."

In July, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded two grants totaling about \$3 million for infrastructure improvements, such as a pedestrian bridge over a wetland area. But the project has relied mostly on private contributions.

"The hope has always been that we would raise those funds on the private side," said Patrick White, the current president of Fami-

lies of Flight 93 and whose cousin, Louis "Joey" Nacker II, was part of the group of passengers who stormed the cockpit. "We know how lean the Department of Interior and National Park Service budgets are."

In May, a fundraiser at Washington's Newseum raised more than \$2 million and put additional donors on the radar, White said. Former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush attended, as did House Speaker John Boehner.

"Obviously we'd love to see one or more very large contributions that would put us across the finish line," said White.

He hopes the memorial

will be complete by September 2016.

Most of the 110,000 donors are individuals, Laughlin said. Only 20 Fortune 500 companies have made major contributions.

"We certainly appreciate those that have, but there's room for other companies to support the project," White said.

The Alcoa Foundation, the charitable arm of the New York-based aluminum maker, said last week it would give \$255,000 to the project, and that it would match all contributions until Oct. 1.

Unlike the Pentagon memorial, which received aid from defense contractors,

and the World Trade Center monument, which received support from the financial services industry, the Pennsylvania memorial has no natural source of corporate support. Flight 93 crashed in a rural area, and its victims weren't concentrated in a single industry.

The Tower of Voices would complete the project as originally designed. White said he will finally feel a sense of closure when he hears its 40 chimes ring.

"I envision looking up at this tower, and hearing them kind of in their own harmony saying, 'Well done, rest now, thank you,' " he said. "It has quite an emotional significance for me."

Protest: Resources may be long coming

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"There are classrooms in the art building that go unused except for maybe once or twice a week, whereas three classrooms and two labs that animation/illustration has is booked all day, everyday entirely," Magdale said. "We can barely fit people in there, which is why it's taking so long for everyone to graduate."

The students started their protest at the art quad outside of the art building and then marched toward their first destination, Tower Hall.

The president was not in, but Chief of Staff Dorothy Poole, spoke with Heckey and accepted the letters to the president on his behalf.

Afterwards, the students marched into Washington Square Hall to meet with Vollendorf, who spoke with Heckey briefly but refused to meet with the students.

SJSU's media relations director, Pat Lopes Harris, spoke on the dean's behalf, saying that Vollendorf does want to help the program grow, but it's going to take time.

"My understanding from speaking with the dean and the provost is that we kind of need to back up a little bit," Harris said. "Everybody agrees that what we want to do is what's best for the students, who are interested in pursuing degrees. The question is how to do it. And there are a number of steps that the dean wants to put into place to help this program grow in a way that will also help students progress towards graduation in a timely matter."

Animation/illustration professor Courtney Gran-

ner said he's proud of the students for putting on this movement and getting their voices heard.

"I'm quite proud that they handled themselves in a polite, mannerly way to get their voice heard," Granner said. "It wasn't pointed at any one individual, but they wanted to deliver this petition that they started last week and do so in a respectful way."

Despite being unable to speak with the dean or the

president, Heckey said she still considers the march a great starting point.

"We really made a strong visual statement of how many students we have compared to how much space we have," Heckey said. "Overall, I say that this is a really strong success. Moving into the forwards in the future, we got more plans. We're not stopping here."

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A student participates in the animation/illustration department's protest to be an independent department. **Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily**

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Freshman forward Mikaella Meibock leads the women’s soccer team in points, goals and shots. (8-4-20). Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily

PROFILE

Frosh forward kicks women’s soccer season into high gear

By Kimberley Diaz
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The SJSU women’s soccer (2-4-1) has started its season off right, in part to the work of forward Mikaella Meibock.

Meibock, a freshman business major, is already leading the team in goals (4), points (8) and shots (20) and has showed her strengths as an aggressive shooter in a game against CSU Bakersfield, where she scored her first two goals.

“It’s exciting,” Meibock said. “We’ve had a lot of hard practices, so its kind of easy from going to a hard practice right into the game.”

Meibock was recently given the TopDrawerSoccer.com “Team of the Week” honor, which is a weekly showcase of the top 11 players in the Division I women’s soccer of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Meibock was also honored with the San Jose State Spartan Foundation Student-Athletes of the Month in August, according to Jen Heisel, media relations graduate assistant.

These are Meibock’s first sports honors of her college career.

Originally from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Meibock has been playing soccer since she was three years old. Meibock said her parents were the ones who had her play soccer at a young age, which she eventually ended up liking and perusing on her own.

“I think it was one of those activities you go into,” Meibock said. “You go into gymnastics, you go into soccer. At that point it was more important to chase butterflies than actually get the ball because the boys would never pass it to you anyways.”

Meibock attended Springbank Community High School her freshman year, but graduated high school from the Edge School for Athletes, a school for students who want to achieve excellence in academics and athletics.

She was apart of the Calgary Blizzard Soccer Club, which won a bronze medal at the Bank of Montreal National Cup 2010 and earned second at Alberta’s U18 provincial championship in 2011, according to the SJSU Athletics.

Meibock said she chose SJSU as her school because it had everything she wanted out of a university.

“I made a list of all the things that I was looking for in a university and it was the school that fit most of my needs and what I wanted,” Meibock said. “So that helped and then meeting Jeff kind of finished off my decisions.”

Jeff Leightman, the head coach for the women’s soccer team for five seasons, believes Meibock brings a lot to the team.

“She’s dynamic, she has speed, she has creativity and flair which is something that we really buy into here and try to protect our personality players so that they can play with flair and personality,” Leightman said. “That’s probably the biggest thing that attracted us to Mikaella

from the start. She defends hard, she’s got great athleticism, she can strike a ball with both feet so as an attacker she’s a very dynamic player.”

Meibock said that most of her time is spent with her teammates and friends.

“Honestly, if I am not with my teammates, my two best friends or eating or sleeping, I’m not really doing anything else,” Meibock said.

Rachel Docherty, freshman biological science major and defender, played soccer with Meibock since they were 11 years old.

The two girls are very close friends, and seeing Meibock pick SJSU as her future school inspired Docherty to do the same.

“She’s one of my best friends and we’ve played together for so long, it’s a comfort thing,” Docherty said. “We’ve played together for a long time and I loved it and it was a really big deciding factor for me. Mikaella wasn’t

anywhere else, so that was the one thing that this school had that nowhere else had.”

Docherty says she is proud of Meibock and the team is inspired and happy for her success.

Despite all the attention Meibock has received, she feels its important to note that it is always a team effort and she owes her success to her teammates.

“I know that forwards get all the attention because they score,” Meibock said. “But really, you have to realize who’s on the field for the whole game and who’s making the play. Just because you have an

open shot doesn’t mean you did all the work to get there.”

Meibock says her inspiration comes from her stepsister, Breanna Boyd, who was a member of the University of Nebraska women’s soccer program for four years and a Women’s United Soccer Association all star, according to SJSU athletics.

Meibock says that her sister is the main reason why she continued to pursue soccer for all these years.

“I’ve always looked up to her,” Meibock said. “She played (on the) national team and all that type of stuff, and I’ve learned a lot from her.”

Meibock says she has a few goals already set for herself this season.

“We all have individual goals and we’ve all made goals for each game, and what we’re going to do in practice, so I think we’re just slowly building up, taking it practice by practice.”

Leightman reveals that one of Meibock’s goals is to one day join the Canadian National Team, and believes she can achieve that, as well as continue to improve as a Spartan soccer player.

“As an individual player, we want her to be the best that she can be,” Leightman said. “I definitely think that’s an achievable goal and its up to us to work together to help her achieve that.”

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FOOTBALL

After first win, MacIntyre sets focus on Colorado State

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Fresh off the Spartan’s home-opening slaughter of the UC Davis Aggies 45-13, head coach Mike MacIntyre is now turning his focus to upcoming foe Colorado State University.

During his press conference Monday, MacIntyre highlighted some things to look for from both teams, but also took time to mention a special achievement awarded to senior defensive end Travis Johnson, based on his performance against the Aggies.

Johnson had four sacks and six tackles for loss in the game against UC Davis, and was named the defensive player of the week by the Western Athletic Conference.

With the six tackles for loss tied school and WAC records, Johnson is now the nation’s active leader in career sacks with 23.

“I think he is definitely the best defensive player in the WAC,” MacIntyre said. “Every Saturday I look up and I’m always excited when I see (jersey number) 43 running on the field for us.”

The Spartans (1-1) nearly doubled the Aggies (1-1) 503-252 in total yardage, and Johnson played a key role in shutting down UC Davis for good in the second half.

SJSU senior running back De’Leon Eskridge was nominated for the same WAC award for offense, which ultimately went to Utah State University quarterback Chuckie Keeton.

Eskridge had 130 yards on 17 carries with 3 touchdowns.

MacIntyre hopes to keep the positive momentum going against Colorado State University.

“We barely escaped with a win last year at their place,” MacIntyre said. “I know they’ll be coming to (Spartan Stadium) with total revenge on their mind.”

Sophomore wide receiver Jabari Carr had the clincher for SJSU in last year’s contest, catching a 38-yard touchdown with just 54 seconds remaining in the game.

Colorado State leads the series 3-2, but it’s last win against the Spartans was in the 1997 season.

The Rams’ record stands at 1-1 after a loss to North Dakota State University last week as they are coached by Jim McElwain, who is in his first season as a head coach at a major collegiate level after a recent tenure at Alabama as its offensive coordinator.

An interesting wrinkle to this week’s game is that the two teams will be in the same conference next season, as SJSU prepares for a move to the Mountain West.

Coach MacIntyre downplayed the idea of taking just a little extra away from the game this week in anticipation of a fiercer rivalry in the future.

“It doesn’t matter who we’re playing, every game is big,” MacIntyre said. “We don’t have any different significance if they are in our conference next year or this year or not we got to try and win them all.”

MacIntyre cautioned against the CSU running game as his biggest focus, which was extremely successful in their opener against Colorado.

They are also set to welcome back junior Chris Nwoke, who was an injured inactive in their previous game but figures to have a prominent role against SJSU.

Also of note is the visit of former Spartan head coach Dave Baldwin, who serves as offensive coordinator for the Rams.


“(Baldwin) does a phenomenal job on the offense, and I know they will have those guys ready to play,” MacIntyre said. “I’m very concerned about what new wrinkles Coach Baldwin brings to the table, that’s something we are working on hard.”

Spartans junior wide receiver Noel Grigsby has a chance at history, only needing three receptions to become SJSU’s career leader in receptions, currently held by Kevin Jurovich with 160.


The game against Colorado State is Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

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Committee debates pros, cons of E-SOTEs

By Melanie Martinez
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Whether to convert Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) surveys to an online format or not was the center of debate at yesterday's Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (ISA) meeting.

SOTEs, better known to students as the "end of semester teacher evaluation" has been administered via Scantron during the final days of class.

The ISA is looking to change the traditional method, and switch to an online teacher evaluation that students could possibly access through their MySJSU portal.

"If implemented properly, it (online SOTE) could save a lot of time and money," said Nitin Aggarwal, business professor and ISA member.

According to ISA chair Winncy Du, converting to an online SOTE has the potential to save SJSU approximately \$50,000 per semester, since it would cut down on staff hours at the Office of Institutional Research to prepare and process the SOTEs.

Yet, some members of the ISA stated concerns with the online SOTE conversion, particularly with the means of implementation for the online SOTE that is tentatively scheduled to launch by the end of this semester or in Spring 2013.

"We can't put a date (on the launch), we can't rush things," said Swathi Vanniarajan, linguistics and language development department chair and ISA member. "2013 is too early."

While Aggarwal said the online

SOTE has potential to save time and money, he agreed with the concerns of other ISA members who questioned if students would process online evaluations or even take the SOTE seriously in a non-classroom setting.

"Yes, they (students) will do it online if required, but the response rate could be low," Aggarwal said.

If the E-SOTEs pass the ISA vote, SJSU would most likely mirror SDSU's procedure for implementation, Du said.

SDSU has been using the online SOTE system since 2008 and has received an 80 percent success rate with student use, according to the summary from a meeting between Du and Kenneth Peter, chair of the Professional Standards committee.

The summary also states that SDSU student grades are withheld until they process their SOTE for each class.

The Professional Standards committee is responsible for the logistics of particular implementation for online SOTEs, which may be complicated since SJSU operates on different software than SDSU, according to the summary.

In adjourning the meeting, ISA members unanimously decided to postpone the vote and discuss the information in further detail online, where they will vote to pass the decision over to the Professional Standard Committee.

If the online vote passes, Du said she will present the action at the Sept. 24 Academic Senate meeting at 2 p.m.

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Prop 30: Possible 'super senior' fee

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"If Prop 30 passes, the CSU rescinds the fall 2012 fee increase but receives \$125 million in the 2013-14 Budget," Bibb said.

If it fails, the CSU will keep the fee increase and take a \$250 million cut.

He said SJSU may also see an additional spring fee increase.

If Proposition 30 fails, Bibb listed a few of the Board of Trustees initiatives, including the additional cost sharing of benefit packages.

There are no pay decreases, but "there will be an increased cost to each employee to cover their benefits plan," Bibb said.

He said another initiative is to increase tuition for nonresident students and to increase fees for "super seniors" — students who have taken 150 units but still haven't graduated.

He said the fee increase may make them more likely to graduate.

Business management senior Ryan Matza said those students would probably be upset if there was a special tuition increase for them.

Matza, an SJSU student for more than six years, said he understands the reasons why "super seniors" take a long time to graduate.

"Some people take forever to graduate because they're supporting themselves by working and

going to school part time," he said, which is something he did for two years before becoming a full time student.

Although not all "super seniors" work and attend school part time, he said the new unit cap also places a restriction on their graduation plans.

Bibb said the Board of Trustees may also make students pay a premium if they take more than 17 units to "help cover costs and make classes more accessible."

To save SJSU money, Provost Ellen Junn closed 336 sections that had low student enrollment by moving them to sections that had more students.

According to Junn, of the 5,500 sections SJSU offered, last year

there were 1,779 sections that had fewer than 14 students.

"That's an enormous amount of sections with very low enrollment," she said.

Junn said one of her goals is to offer courses at a time that many students can attend and for the deans of department chairs to consolidate sections and schedule those classes when students can attend.

If all 1,779 low enrollment sections were closed, the school "would have a savings of \$9 million," she said.

According to Bill Nance, vice president for student affairs, student enrollment this fall was larger than last fall.

"As of today, we have

surpassed last fall's final enrollment," Nance said. "We're between a 3 to 5 percent target over the year as a whole."

According to Nance, we're enrolling the same amount of students this fall with less money.

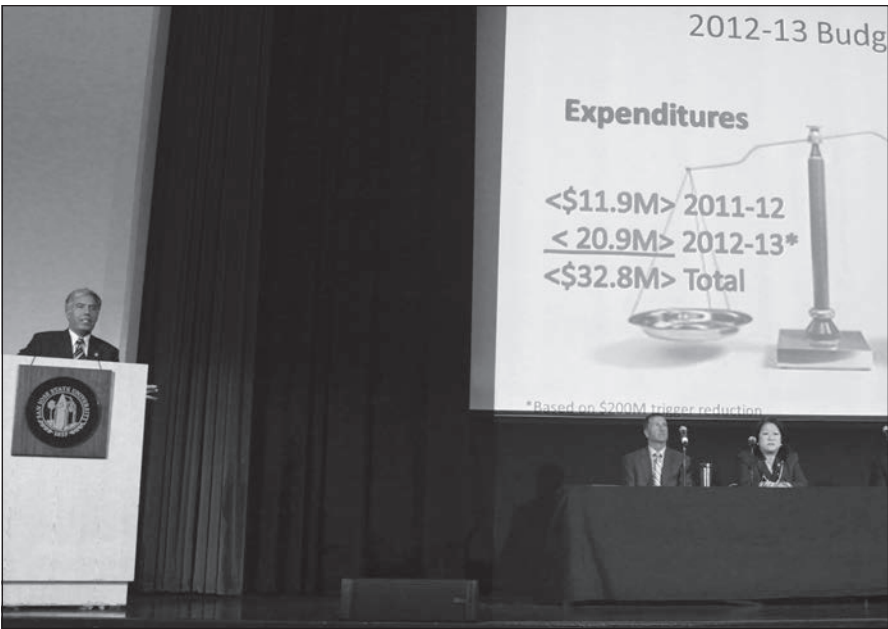
If Proposition 30 passes, there will be a rollback of student fees, according to Qayoumi.

More than 100 people attended the event yesterday.

For the 2013-14 year, regardless of Proposition 30, Qayoumi said he wants to have a structurally balanced budget.

"We want to keep the integrity and quality of our programs," he said.

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From left to right: SJSU Mohammad Qayoumi, Vice President Shawn Bibb and Provost Ellen Junn spoke at the budget meeting in Morris Dailey Auditorium on Monday. Photo by Thyra Phan / Spartan Daily

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 by 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. Check back daily for new sudoku puzzles and solutions.

Previous Sudoku Solution

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- 10 In wonderment
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- 17 Living royally since birth
- 20 Father, Son and Holy Ghost, e.g.
- 21 "... need is a friend ____"
- 22 Sound processor ____ du Flambeau, Wisc.
- 26 Exclamation of affirmation
- 27 Stage scenery
- 30 Perlman of TV and film
- 32 Perignon's title
- 34 Do a slow burn
- 36 Type of doll for the vengeful
- 39 Frank account?
- 40 Sleep restlessly
- 42 Karloff of scary films
- 44 Evening affair
- 45 Genesis follower
- 47 ____ generis (of its own kind)
- 48 100-yard race
- 52 Room for indoor sports
- 53 \$ dispenser
- 55 Disorderly crowd
- 57 "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, ____"
- 58 Take credit?
- 61 Caliph's faith
- 63 Be a brag-gart
- 67 Small clue
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- 70 Spread on the table
- 71 Sweepstakes submission

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- 1 Word with "house" or "baby"
- 2 A cheer
- 3 Outfit
- 4 Jessica of the PTL scandal
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- 6 First Lady McKinley
- 7 Revealing garment
- 8 It may be offered for your thoughts
- 9 Some leathers
- 10 Monastery resident
- 11 The rescuer of Little Red Riding Hood
- 12 Make a mistake
- 13 Place to chill
- 18 That's a moray
- 19 Distillation leftovers
- 24 Brouhahas
- 25 Musical endings
- 28 Always, to an old poet
- 29 Take a whack at
- 31 Stay away from
- 33 Pre-stereo records
- 35 Stuck in mud
- 37 Place for bones
- 38 Intense hatred
- 40 Slide instrument
- 41 Lounge group, maybe
- 42 Ask for alms
- 43 Maron's prefix?
- 46 Walked decisively
- 49 Not straight up
- 50 Skedaddle in number
- 51 Sunday songbook
- 54 Lament
- 56 Coal container
- 59 Dog in "Bee-tle Bailey"
- 60 Order in the court?
- 62 Send, as a parcel
- 63 In spite of, in short
- 64 Painter's medium
- 65 Above, to shake-speare
- 66 Like some senses of humor

In *my* experience...

A self-proclaimed non-expert weighs in on your predicaments

by Kelsey Lynne Lester-Perry



My name is Kelsey. I don’t know a lot about any one thing, but I do know a good deal about a lot of little things. I don’t claim to be an expert, but I can tell you exactly how to raise a grade from a B to an A. I can tell you how to get out of a sticky situation with the law. Ask me how to get your boyfriend to remember your anniversary. Ask me how to win over a boss or how to procure a raise. Ask me how to overcome an eating disorder. Ask me something scary. Ask me how to quit using hard drugs or leave an abusive relationship. Or ask me something as simple as how to find a pair of four-inch stilettos that don’t hurt your feet. **Ask me anything and I will answer to the best of my ability.** All of the aforementioned questions are ones that I have had to answer on my own, leading me to believe that I am an expert in my experience, and the expert is in.

In My Experience is an all-around advice column where expert Kelsey answers your questions based on her life experience.

DISCLAIMER:
Please submit all questions to spartandaily@gmail.com, which will be kept anonymous and answered every Tuesday by Kelsey.

Dear Kelsey,

What’s the best way to cut a negative person out of your life without causing too much drama?

-Needing Freedom

My dearest Needing Freedom,

The best way to avoid awkward run-ins is to casually break things off.

In my past I have completely ignored people with whom I no longer wanted relationships with.

Of course karma brings those people around to the bars that I frequently visit and the diners in which I regularly dine.

My best advice is to be sincere. There is no harm or foul in telling this person exactly how you feel.

“Hey dude, I met you on OkCupid and you creep me out, so I don’t want to see you anymore.” Or “hey I know we have been friends since kindergarten but your recent actions have shown me that I no longer need a friend like you in my life.”

There might be crying and there might be some questions, but answer honestly and it should be relatively drama-free.

In my experience, drama comes from lying and all-around dishonesty.



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So, if drama comes back at you from that person, know that it is 100 percent unfounded.

I don’t know what kind of person you are trying to wean from your life, but if they are a negative person like you say, waste no time removing them completely.

You are a college student with many years ahead of you, many more semesters to make life-long friendships.

Now see here Needing Freedom, do not fret.

You seem to have a good head on your drama-free shoulders and you should have no trouble at all making twice as many positive friendships after you cut loose this antagonistic character in your life.

Remember, you have nothing to lose but negativity.

Love, Kelsey

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Letter to the Editor : Library resources

In response to the Sept. 6 appearance of the column, “In My Experience.”

I enjoy reading your column and sharing your valuable experiences.

I’d like to add one more thing to your response to “Broke”. There are many free DVDs at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library that are available to our students who have a San Jose Public Library card.

Remember, King Library is a joint-use facility with San Jose Public Library.

There is a wealth of movie collection and e-books that are available free for all.

Tell your friends if they have a DVD player, they can enjoy those free Hollywood blockbusters, documentaries, etc.

To read or listen to free e-books, they can check out an iPad for up to one week at the Student Computer Services Center located on the 4th floor.

Have a wonderful semester.

Diana Wu, Business Librarian for MIS, Marketing/Decision Sciences

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Are you in a bind? Need a voice of reason?
Just ask Kelsey in her advice column!

“In my Experience” runs every Tuesday. You can send in your question anonymously, and if selected you could win a prize.

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The next column run date is 9/11/12 so submit your questions today!

ROAD RAGE

BY JONATHAN ROISMAN

Texting isn’t worth a life

I read an article the other day on Autoblog.com about a man in Canada who used his SUV as a shield for four children in a crosswalk by driving it in front of an oncoming distracted driver, who would have most likely driven into the crosswalk and hit the children.

The article, titled “Canadian man saves four kids with Hummer,” said the distracted driver was going about 30 mph faster than the speed limit (he was going 80 kph in a 30 kph zone, or 50 mph in a 20 mph zone) while talking on his cell phone.

Nobody was hurt, thankfully, and the local police are recommending the man who used his car to protect the pedestrians be given an award.

Unfortunately, most of us don’t have a guardian angel driving an 8,500-pound Hummer to protect us from speeding drivers talking on their phone.

The National Safety Council, a non-profit and non-governmental public service organization, said that 1.3 million car accidents were caused by drivers either talking or texting on their phone in the United States in 2011.

The council said that cell phone usage resulted in nearly one-fourth of all traffic accidents.

It also said that about 35,900 fatalities were recorded as a result of all traffic accidents.

I realize that a lot of people know it’s illegal and not smart to talk or text while driving.

We have electronic signs on the freeway telling drivers talking on your phone isn’t worth the \$159-plus ticket.

As a society we’ve been told for years now that it’s dangerous to text and drive. It’s just another distraction that causes accidents.

Yet we keep doing it, and I don’t know why.

It scares me as a driver or a pedestrian that I already have to watch out for speeders, people driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and otherwise distracted motorists primping themselves in the mirror when they should be looking at the road.

Now we have to contend with hundreds of thousands of car accidents every year because we can’t put down our phone.



Jonathan Roisman’s column appears every other Tuesday.

We are so connected to our smartphones that they do nearly everything now but cook us dinner.

It’s great to be connected to Facebook and Twitter at all times of the day, I suppose, but can we please take a break while we drive a car?

It seems more and more implausible that people can actually drive from point a to point b without checking their phone

Now I know I sound melodramatic, like when Herb Morrison screamed “oh, the humanity” when the Hindenburg burst into flames, but statistically speaking, do you want to be one of the thousands of people who die each year because of a phone? I don’t.

We need better public service announcements that emphasize the physical hazards of distracted driving, not the financial one. You can always earn more money, but you can’t regrow a limb or a new pair of eyes.

The electronic and overall technologic boom of the past 20 years has advanced our society to greater and greater boundaries.

I love my phone. I love that I can keep track of the news, weather, traffic, friends and sports scores from around the world in a matter of seconds.

We need limits, however, and not just for safety concerns. I’m probably not the only one who feels disconnected from actual reality when you have your mind lost in cyberspace.

I know that if I were crossing the street I’d rather look at the traffic around me rather than my phone.

It’s statistically unlikely that a car with a distracted driver will kill you.

It’s even more improbable, however, that someone in their car will come to your rescue and use it as a shield to protect you from another driver speeding and chatting away on their phone.

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Remember 9/11: Call those you love

“A SMALL PLANE CRASHED INTO THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN N.Y. JUST NOW. CALL ME, LOVE YOUR WIFE.”

On September 11, 2001 many who had loved ones trapped inside the World Trade Center buildings frantically sent messages such as this one, which was released along with thousands of others by WikiLeaks in 2009, in hopes to get some confirmation that they were alive and safe.

For many 9/11 victim families, a final phone call or voice mail is the lasting memory of a lost loved one.

Despite having no direct connection to the tragic events of that day, the 9/11 anniversary continues to pull at my heart strings more than a decade later.

Perhaps, like many others, it is a day that truly cannot be removed from my consciousness; an event that still leaves me in utter disbelief.

To imagine that your friends, co-workers and even family members could be wiped off the face of the earth in an instant is truly a humbling thought.

While tomorrow will undoubtedly be full of 9/11 tributes and news footage replays, there is a much more constructive act of remembrance.

Tomorrow, I urge you to honor the thousands of Americans who may never have been able to reach out to their families for the last time, by picking up the phone and telling someone how much you love them.

Call your family, your best friend, maybe an old partner and remind them how much you enjoy them in your life.

As we will be reminded today, life on Earth is incredibly precious and you never know when could be the last time you speak with a loved one.

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DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE



Local farmers and vendors around San Jose sell their various goods at San Pedro Square every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Photo by Melanie Martinez / Spartan Daily



Brenda Madrigal of Ferry Farm helps a customer with her flowers during the San Pedro Square Farmers' Market venue last Friday. Photo by Melanie Martinez / Spartan Daily



Bouquets of flowers rest in buckets of water at the Ferry Farm stand last Friday. Photo by Melanie Martinez / Spartan Daily

Local vendors, shoppers flock to San Pedro Square Farmers' Market

By Melanie Martinez
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The San Pedro Square Farmers' Market vendors transform the typical hub for bustling and boisterous student nightlife every Friday morning.

All is calm in the morning light as Bay Area farmers, artists and chefs prop up tents and tables with a quiet efficiency known to seasoned experts of the trade.

"We're from Denair, which is near Modesto so we usually leave pretty early for the couple hours of driving," said Brenda Madrigal of Ferry Farms.

Ferry Farms offers an array of fruit for sale in reds, purples and bright greens.

Despite the drive and the early hours, Madrigal said the San Pedro Farmers' Market is always worth the trip.

"We grow our fruit with a lot of love and it's great to see my regulars every Friday," Madrigal said.

The market is held every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Nov. 16 and is hosted by the San Jose Downtown Association, said volunteer Kathy Weeks.

According to Weeks, the market is celebrating 20 years of serving the community in downtown.

"It's a great way to bring the community out and for nearby students to check out," she said.

Weeks said the market is student-friendly and offers a free dollar of carrot-cash to students who show their Tower Card at the information booth.

VTA light rail commuters can also receive carrot-cash dollar when they show their passes, according to the farmers' market website.

Carrot-cash are vouchers that anyone can use at any farmer's market vendor for the purchase of art, food and produce, according to Weeks.

Frequent shopper cards are offered at the welcome table and are stamped after every produce purchase of \$10. Prizes are awarded once buyers earn seven, 14 and 21 stamps.

Nearby court employee Iffy Haq said she stood in line to collect stamps on her frequent shopper card.

"The fruits and veggies are great here and I love that you get a surprise after your card is all stamped up," Haq said.

It's a great way to bring the community out and for nearby students to check out (the farmer's market)

Aside from the rewards she earns, Haq said the community style atmosphere is what keeps her coming back every Friday.

"All of the vendors are so nice and the market is refreshing and lively," Haq said.

Veggielution, an organic vegetable vendor, was also present.

Founded by SJSU alumni Amie Frisch and Mark Medeiros, the booth operates

out of Emma Prusch Farm Park, according to employee Tommy Pierson.

Located under an I-280 overpass, the two acre non-profit farm was built to bring the community together through sustainable food choices, according to Pierson.

"We focus on farming organic food and distributing it to low-income families," Pierson said.

San Jose employees and market regulars, such as Joyce Weissman, stood in a meandering line at the end of the market to grab lunch at Thai Street Food.

"I just love their satay chicken, and their homemade peanut sauce is to die for," she said.

As a faithful farmer's market regular, Weissman said she comes to Thai Street Food every week and usually chats with owner Ronnie Ritprasert.

"We've been at the market for about two years now as just a family-run business," Ritprasert said.

All of the recipes at Thai Street Food have been passed down from his grandma, and though the family just operates on Fridays at the market, he said the success has led him to prepare for a restaurant opening soon.



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"Hopefully in about a year we'll have a restaurant up somewhere nearby," he said.

At the opposite end of the market, local artists displayed their paintings, crafts and textiles while greeting locals and new faces.

Home décor, art, jewelry and accessories in every color of the rainbow, crafted from Chinese knotting hang from displays in Diana Wey's tent.


A self-taught artist, Wey said she has been selling her crafts at the market for a few months and has been greeted positively.

"I have an Etsy store but usually end up selling more here than online, surprisingly," Wey said. "Meeting new people is the best part (of the market)."

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